

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JESSE LASLOVICH**, on January 25, 2007
at 8:09 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jesse Laslovich, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary
Valencia Lane, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 238, 1/22/2007; SB 202,
1/22/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 238

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:18 SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 238, Procedure for access to landlocked property.

Proponents:

00:05:11 Jim Chaffin, Missoula

EXHIBIT(jus17a01)

Opponents:

00:07:58 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:11:24 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

00:13:03 Scott Blackman, Sterling Ranch Company

00:16:09 Barbara Ranf, BNSF Railway

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:31 Sen. Shockley to Jim Chaffin

00:19:54 Sen. Shockley to John Bloomquist

00:22:20 Sen. McGee to Sen. Wanzenried

00:26:06 Sen. McGee to John Bloomquist

00:28:39 Sen. McGee to Scott Blackman

00:33:00 Sen. McGee to John Youngberg

00:33:54 Sen. Perry to Jim Chaffin

00:36:21 Sen. Perry to John Bloomquist

00:38:18 Sen. Shockley to John Bloomquist

00:40:58 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Wanzenried

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:44 Sen. Wanzenried

00:45:13 Sen. Williams

HEARING ON SB 202

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:00 SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43, opened the hearing
on SB 202, Public financing of supreme court campaigns.

[EXHIBIT\(jus17a02\)](#)

Proponents:

00:59:50 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters

[EXHIBIT\(jus17a03\)](#)

01:01:27 Judge Gordon Bennett, Helena

01:22:32 Peggy Probasco, Butte, Montana State Bar Association

01:24:00 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

01:28:19 Diane Sands, Self, Missoula, and American Association
of University Women (AAUW)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:29:19 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:01 Sen. Perry to Dennis Unsworth

01:37:57 Sen. Perry to Sen. Laslovich

01:43:12 Sen. Jent to Judge Bennett

01:49:16 Sen. Williams to Sen. Laslovich

01:49:54 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Laslovich

02:02:01 Sen. McGee to Al Smith

02:06:55 Sen. Perry to Dennis Unsworth

02:12:28 Sen. O'Neil to Dennis Unsworth

02:15:57 Sen. McGee to Sen. Laslovich

02:20:59 Sen. Perry to Sen. Laslovich

02:22:27 Sen. O'Neil to Al Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:41 Sen. Laslovich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:40 A.M.

SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH, Chairman

CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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